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Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a note of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia dated 5 August 1994, which was handed over to the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey at Belgrade.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 71 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Note dated 5 August 1994 from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia to the Embassy of Turkey at Belgrade

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and, at the instruction of the Federal Government, most strongly protests the decision of the Government of Turkey to allow the holding of a "symposium" of the so-called "Muslim National Council of Sandjak" with the participation of the self-proclaimed members of the illegal "Assembly of Sandjak" in the territory of the Republic of Turkey in the TEK premises in Ankara on 28 July 1994.

The "symposium" was organized by the self-styled leader of the so-called "Muslim National Council of Sandjak" to whom Turkey provided shelter and enabled his destructive and hostile activity against Yugoslavia, although a wanted notice had been issued for him. The meeting of Sandjak separatists publicly voiced positions which represented open attacks against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Yugoslavia. For the realization of these goals, the assistance of Turkey was requested and a "passage from Kosovo to Bosnia" was offered to it.

The holding of the "symposium" of the self-styled "Assembly of Sandjak" is just one in the series of the activities of Sandjak separatists, aided by Turkish authorities and organizations, among which particularly prominent are the undisturbed activity of the so-called "news agency of the Sandjak vilayet", the recruitment of young Muslims for education and training in Turkey, discriminatory visa regime against Yugoslav citizens by Turkish authorities, etc.

The Government of Yugoslavia notes with the greatest concern that officially Turkey has never publicly distanced itself from the positions of Sandjak separatists, whose activities it tolerates in its territory. In this way, Turkey has flagrantly violated the generally accepted principles of international relations, the Charter of the United Nations and documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia sees in the tolerant attitude towards these activities an unequivocal confirmation of the support and assistance that Turkey continues to render to the policy of Sandjak separatists, aimed at breaking up the territorial integrity of Yugoslavia. On a number of occasions, Yugoslavia has pointed, with grave concern, to the far-reaching negative consequences of such policy of Turkey for our bilateral relations and stability in the region. Despite its assurances to the contrary, Turkey has interfered, in the most direct and blatant way, in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia, which reserves the right to make appropriate conclusions from such an attitude of Turkey.

Such policy of Turkey questions the very basis of our bilateral relations, for which it bears full responsibility. The prospects for Yugoslav-Turkish relations will also be determined by the future attitude of Turkey towards these issues. The Government of Yugoslavia requests the Government of Turkey to take resolute measures to prevent the activities of Sandjak separatists in the territory of Turkey.